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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Is it published in the village sheet once in a year ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I should say not, because they are instructions for the guidance of village officers only, not the public."

Preparation of the land revenue budget.

* 128 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the proposals under the consideration of the Government for improving the present method of preparing the land revenue budget and watching expenditure ?

A.—The hon. Member is apparently referring to the account published of the principal subjects discussed at the recent Collectors' conference at Ootacamund.

Suggestions were made by those present on the following topics and notes were taken by the Members of the Board of Revenue present of those that seemed worth pursuing further. There is no specific proposal at present under the consideration of the Government :—

(1) delays in the preparation of the budget,
(2) irregularities in the classification of accounts,
(3) expenditure in excess of the sanctioned appropriation, and
(4) failure to surrender savings in time.

Preparation of the record of rights in this Presidency.

* 129 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what action Government propose to take for preparing a record of rights in this Presidency in the light of the enactments relating to record of rights in force in the Bombay Presidency and the Mysore State ?

A.—No decision has yet been arrived at.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know why there is delay in this matter ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" If the hon. Member will recollect, Government communicated with the various parties in the House to ascertain their general views ; I believe so far, only one reply has been received."

Pounds

Better maintenance of village chavadis and cattle pounds.

* 130 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the proposals under the consideration of the Government for the better maintenance of village chavadis and cattle pounds ?

A.—There are no such proposals under the consideration of the Government. The Government have issued instructions to the Board of Revenue to scrutinize past allotments for village chavadis and cattle pounds during the preparation of the next budget and to apply for larger funds for districts where there are indications that the Collectors can usefully spend more.